और ब्रह्मपुत्र बेसिनों के लिए बाढ़ प्रबन्धन (कटाव नियंत्रण सहित) की व्यापक योजनाएं तैयार की हैं और राज्य सरकारों को विस्तृत रूप में तैयार करने और कार्यान्वित करने के लिए भेजी हैं।

विवरण

वर्ष 1953 से 1995 तक की अवधि के दौरान भारत में बाढ़ और भारी वर्षा से प्रभावित क्षेत्र का वर्षवार ब्यौरा

क्र० सं०	वर्ष	प्रभावित क्षेत्र (मिलियन हेक्टयर में)
1	2	3
1.	1953	2.290
2.	1954	7.490
3.	1955	9.440
4.	1956	9.240
5.	1957	4.860
6.	1958	6.260
7.	1959	5.770
8.	1960	7.530
9.	1961	6.560
10.	1962	6.120
11.	1963	3.490
12.	1964	4.900
13.	1965	1.460
14.	1966	4.740
15.	1967	7.120
16.	1968	7.150
17.	1969	6.200
18.	1970	8.460
19.	1971	13.250
20.	1972	4.100
21.	1973	11.790
22.	1974	6.700
23.	1975	6.170
24.	1976	11.910
25.	1977	11.460
26.	1978	17.500
27.	1979	3.990
28.	1980	11.460
29.	1981	6.120
30.	1982	8.870
31.	1983	9.020
32.	1984	10.710
33.	1985	8.380
34.	1986	8.810
35.	1987	8.890
36.	1988	16.290
37.	1989	8.060
38.	1990	9.303
39.	1991‡	6.169
40.	1992‡	2.092
41.	1993‡	4.632
42.	1994‡	2.752
43.	1995‡	6.111
53	कुल	323.619
से	औसत	7.526
95	अधिकतम (वर्ष)	17.500 (1978)

‡आंकड़े अनंतिम है।

Non-Payment of dues to Maharashtra by the National Textiles Corporation

1323. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 75 given in the Rajya Sabha on 20th November, 1996 and state:

(a) the dues NTC owes to other States, State-wise as date; and

(b) by when the outstanding dues of these States would be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI R.L. JALAPPA): (a) The cotton dues of NTC to other State Federations Cooperative as on 30.9.1996 are as follows:—

	(Rs. in lakhs)
Markfed	432.15
Hafed	241.02
Gujarat Federation	1543.49

Raj Fed.	23.89
Panseed	29.99
Nafed	643.41
Tanfed	100.57
KSCMF	18.16
AP Markfed	38.39
GCC Andhra Pradesh	10.80
Sabakantha	0.64
Co-operative Societies	1.19

(b) It is not possible to indicate a firm date by when NTC will clear the outstanding dues of the different State Federations. However, the NTC is expected to clear the outstanding dues of various State Federations on availability of funds.

Passport Issued in Punjab

1324. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of passports issued during the year 1995-96 and till date from various Zonal passport offices of the country, particularly in the State of Punjab, Zone-wise and District-wise; and

(b) the steps being taken by the Government to provide passports within the reasonable time to the people of the Punjab?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL): (a) The information regarding number of passports issued during the year 1995-96 and till date from various zonal passport offices of the country, particularly in the State of Punjab, zone-wise and District-wise is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(b) Government have introduced a number of measures to streamline the procedures and systems to improve the functioning of the Passport Offices with a view to provide passports expeditiously to all applicants including those from the State of Punjab. These are:—

(i) Automatic re-issue of passport for 10 years or 20 years at the option of the applicant without police verification after expiry.

(ii) Thorough scrutiny of applications at the acceptance stage itself to check their completeness and correctness in all respects; processing of applications through computers; provision of temporary additional staff to Passport Offices whenever any exceptional increase in pendency is noticed; regular inspection of Passport Offices and follow-up action.

(iii) Expansion of the list of officers authorised to issue Verification certificates to include General Manager and above in Public Sector Undertakings of the Government of India and officers of the rank of Colonel and above in the Army and their equivalents in the Navy and Air Force.

(iv) Acceptance of photocopied passport application forms to eliminate long queues which lead to harassment of applicants.

(v) Setting up of Passport Advisory Committees.

(vi) Monitoring Cell headed by a Public Relations Officer directly under the charge of Chief Passport Officer set up in CPO Headquarters for speedy redressal of complaints.

Expansion of Trade and Industry in India

1325. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that expansion of trade and industry in India is suffering from lack of proper roads;

(b) whether Government have conducted any survey to find out the total kilometres of roads which require improvement and expenditure to be